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### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% "

" 12 " " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....£200,000.

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THE CITY BANK.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M. ALEXANDER C. LEVYSOHN retired from our Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA on the 31st of December last, and Mr LORENZ POESNECKER was admitted a PARTNER therein on the same day.

Mr JULIUS KRAMER has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration at CANTON.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, October 11, 1879. no11

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr JOHN FAIRBAIRN in our Firm here and in Yokohama, CEASED on the 31st March, 1879.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 6, 1879. no6

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Pedder's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.D.

Mr C. STIEREL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co.,

Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

### NOTICE.

FROM the 1ST of OCTOBER, Dr EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, NO. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

### For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

awarded the

GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

Quarts.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21680

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI

during the Summer Month, leaving

Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and

returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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### EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL (Certified 150° Fine Test).

The New Students' READING LAMPS for Nonpareil Kerosine, (are perfectly safe and give a light equal to, but more mellow than GAS).

AMERICAN FLOOR OIL-CLOTH in New Patterns.

LIGNUM, the New FLOOR-CLOTH for Halls and surrounding Billiard Tables.

Royal Irish CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

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PERAMBULATORS. RIDING and DRIVING WHIPS.

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LAWN TENNIS SETS. PAINT BOXES.

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CHUBB'S CASH-BOXES. New MEERSCHAUMS.

Well-Seasoned MANILA CIGARS and CHEROOTS.

UNDERSHIRTS and ASSORTED HOSIERY.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN GRASS SEEDS.

New SCARFS, TIES, BRACES, &c.

WALKING STICKS and UMBRELLAS.

GOLDEN GATE BAKER'S EXTRA FLOUR.

Fresh HAMS and CHEESE. New HATS.

COIR DOOR MATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

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## Intimations.



### HONGKONG ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 11th Oct. 1879.

RECRUIT and M. L. GUN DRILL at

MURRAY BATTERY on TUESDAYS, at 5.15 p.m., at which all MEMBERS who have

not passed these DRILLS are requested to attend.

FIELD GUN DRILL at the NORTH

BARRACKS on THURSDAYS, at 5.15 p.m.

A. COXON, Captain-Commandant H. K. A. V.

### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above OFFICE will be Held at the OFFICE of the Undersigned, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, on TUESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office.

Hongkong, October 11, 1879. oc21

### E. VINCENT,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION

MERCHANT, AND STOREKEEPER,

HONGKONG.

BEGS to inform his Patrons and the

Public generally that he has received a Large Assortment of

FRENCH WINES, LIQUORS, SPIRITS,

and STORES of the BEST QUALITY

(French Produce).

N.B.—F. V. is ready to supply at any of the Coast Ports, as well as in Hongkong, any quantity that may be required to suit Purchasers.

F. VINCENT,

No. 4, Peel Street.

Hongkong, October 10, 1879. no10

### CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT of BONDS for the YEAR

1878, and to the 30th JUNE, 1879.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,**

BEG to announce the ARRIVAL of the following FIRST-CLASS  
S T O R E S, &c.  
Ex "OCEANIC,"  
"LORD OF THE ISLES,"  
And Other Late Arrivals.

Finest California BUTTER in Rolls.  
Good Cooking BUTTER in Kegs.  
Fine Apple CHEESE.

Limburg CHEESE.

Sap Sage CHEESE.

Prime Gilroy CHEESE.

Fine Eastern HAMS.

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Smoked HERRINGS.

Boston MACKEREL.

SALMON BELLIES.

Family PIG PORT and BEEF in Kegs.

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Fresh APPLES.

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HICKORY NUTS.

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BRAZIL NUTS.

PE. NUTS.

COMB HONEY in Frames.

Pure Orange BLOSSOM HONEY.

Brougham's TURKEY &amp; TONGUE.

Do. LUN H TONGUE.

Do. Compressed HAM.

L. McNEIL &amp; LIBBY's Compressed HAM.

L. McNEIL &amp; LIBBY's Corned BEEF.

L. McNEIL &amp; LIBBY's Compressed TONGUE.

Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. tins.

Boneless Spiced PIG'S FEET.

Assorted Devilled MEATS.

Baked PORK and BEANS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER CAKES.

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WAFER BISCUITS per Pound.

OATMEAL in Casks.

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CUTTING's Assorted DESSERT FRUITS.

Do. QUEEN'S OLIVES.

Do. Pickled LIMES.

Do. Stuffed PEPPERS.

Do. ASPARAGUS.

Do. Asst. Corned VEGETABLES.

Do. Assorted PICKLES.

Do. Assorted SAUCES.

White BEANS.

Split PEAS.

MESS' PORK and BEEF.

BORDEN'S Condensed MILK (very fresh).

Do. Do. Do.

CRONSE &amp; BLACKWELL'S HOUSEHOLD STORES.

MULSON's Assorted GERMAN SAUSAGES.

Do. Do. VEGITABLES.

Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

PHILIPPE &amp; CANAUD'S SARDINES. Assorted PATES.

JOHN MOIR &amp; SONS' Celebrated Family STORES.

Game PIES, Veal and Ham PIES.

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SALMON CUTLETS (in Indian Sauce).

HADDOCK ROES. Fried SOLES.

Kippered HERRINGS. BLOATERS.

HERRINGS A LA SARDINE.

OATMEAL, do. &amp;c.

## BOOKS!

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The Latest and most Popular NOVELS,

By FIRST-CLASS AUTHORS.

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"Cable Coil," "Perfection" and "Empress of India."

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Specially Selected CIGARS.

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Arcores CIGARS.

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Choice No. 3 Meinig CHEROOTS.

Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

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Breech loading Central Fire FOWLING PIECES.

Electro-Plated "British Bull Dog" REVOLVERS.

SMITH AND WESSON'S REVOLVERS.

COLT'S DERRINGER PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

GARTRIDGES, &amp;c., &amp;c.

Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**T**HIS Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs ADAMSON, BELL & Co., to sell by Public Auction, (For account of whom it may concern,) ON

TUESDAY,

the 4th of November next, (Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract,)

The British Barque "CHOCOLA,"

as she now lies at Anchor off YOW-MAH-TEE. She was built of Oak and Elm at NANTES in 1868, and is well and favorably known on this Coast. She is well found in Sails and Gear generally, has 2 BOWER ANCHORS, each with 100 fathoms Cable; also 1 SPARE ANCHOR and 2 KEDGES. She has been recently opened for survey, and is still open for inspection.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs ADAMSON, BELL & Co., or to the Auctioneers.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

HUGHES &amp; LEGGE,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Oct. 11, 1879. no2

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**T**O BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract—

**T**HE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

## STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLE;

ALSO,

## BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 1st November, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. YANGTSE, Commandant PELLMERIN, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 31st October, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, October 14, 1879. oc21

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. A V A.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.

Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at Wanchai, from whence delivery may be obtained, on countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, October 14, 1879. oc21

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.

Yangtse, Commandant PELLMERIN, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, October 15, 1879. oc22

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenagles having arrived from

the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby informed that their Goods

with the exception of Opium—are being

landed at their risk into the Godowns

of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be

obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees, before 11 a.m. To-MORROW, the

16th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1879. oc24

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## BRITISH BARQUE HARRINGTON, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

Vessel are hereby requested to send

in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned

for countersignature, and to take immediate

delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signee's risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE" will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 3rd Nov., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, October 20, 1879. no3

We hear that Assistant Commissary General J. Moore, Ordnance Store Department, will shortly return to England, having completed his tour of foreign service on this station. Deputy Commissary F. C. P. Silveira is about to retire from the service, and will be succeeded by Deputy Commissary C. E. Vanstirt, who arrived here by the last English mail. Deputy Commissary Silveira served in the late Military Store Department during the expedition to the north of China in 1857, medal, and with the exception of five years in Ceylon has spent the whole of his service, 27 years, in the China command.

The Swatow Opium Guild case is not yet finished, although Mr Davenport, H. M. Consul, has withdrawn from the Court, on the ground that the Taotai had given out that no case had been made out by the plaintiffs. The Taotai, remarking that he was a Chinese Court, intimated that he would continue the case alone and unaided; whereupon the defence was proceeded with. Mr Drummond (for the Guild) criticised the manner in which the case had been brought forward, and called attention to the tone and attitude of H. M. Consul, which he characterized as unequalled for. The hearing was to be resumed later Monday. Although Mr Drummond appeared to make out a fair excuse and explanation for the action of the Guild, we cannot help thinking that there is more in the case than has yet come out. Upon no other supposition can we account for the decided position taken up by Mr Davenport.

ACCORDING to the Englishman, an English lady has been appointed honorary preceptor to the daughter of the King of Siam. The young princess is to be instructed in modern European languages, drawing, music, &c.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending October 19th:

	European.	Chinese.
Monday, Oct. 13th,	41	472
Tuesday, 14th,	59	294
Wednesday, 15th,	62	361
Thursday, 16th,	43	325
Friday, 17th,	42	289
Saturday, 18th,	63	302
Sunday, 19th,	64	Sunday.
Total	374	1,993
Grand total, 2,367.		

MR E. D. Sassoon's, not Messrs David Sassoon and Co.'s, offer of Rs. 6,10,000 for the purchase of the New Alexandra Mills, Bombay, has been accepted by the official liquidator.

The City of Cabul, according to the Quarter-master-General's route book, is 280 miles from Kohat by the Kurram route; 190 from Peawah by the Khyber; 319 from Kandahar by Khetal-i-Ghizai and Ghuznee, and 387 miles from Balk by the Bamian.

News from Manila says that in Surigao "there has been discovered a very rich gold mine, owing to the displacements of earth caused by the recent earthquake, which took place in that locality, and that the samples of ore brought to Manila are of great value. The Government intends to despatch a commission of engineers there."

Pioneer.

The Madras Atheneum publishes a rumour which has reached it from Colombo, to the effect that Mrs Gregory of Wilson's Circos was in the act of performing a feat in which a loaded canon is discharged, resting upon her shoulders, when the gun burst, and the unfortunate woman's head was literally blown off.

A WEALTHY Chinese who had made his fortune in Calcutta, first by boot and shoe manufacturing, and subsequently by keeping a farm, died on Wednesday night (September 17th) rather suddenly. He had been suffering from heart disease for years, and intended relinquishing business at the end of this year, in order to return to his native country. His name was Sing Wein. A private carriage bore the remains to the Chinese cemetery. A few personal friends attended, and all the observances of the Chinese ritual were strictly adhered to, including the ringing of bells, and a joyous repast, as customary, at the cemetery after interment.—*Indian Daily News*.

It is not generally known, says the Statesman, that people in Government employ in Pondicherry and other French settlements in India cannot marry without the sanction of Government. The *Moniteur Officiel* often issues such an order as the following:—“Par arrêté de M. Gouverneur, en date du 24 Aout, 1878, sur la proposition du Procureur Général à l'égard à une contracte mariage avec Mlle. Bénédicte-Laure-Françoise Noëtie Pocton.” This salutary rule has been adopted by the French Government in order to prevent Government servants contracting marriages without satisfying the authorities that they are able to support a family.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE PRAYA. This afternoon shortly after four o'clock a sad accident occurred at the Praya, nearly opposite Messrs Lane Crawford & Co.'s premises. A travelling crane is being used to lift into position the heavy blocks of granite of which the new Praya Wall is being composed. This, in charge of a Chinaman, was being worked this afternoon and a large block of stone was being carried along by the crane. The point was reached at which the crane should be turned half round, bringing round the stone from the front of the platform of the machine to the right hand side, which would allow of its being lowered into its required position in the structure. The turning round of

the crane with this enormous weight attached was done more quickly than usual and too smartly for the safety of those concerned. The effect of the counterbalance, which had the movement been properly slow and steady, would have been amply sufficient to keep the machine on the level, was thus destroyed, and the whole machine, the heavy crane, wagon, ballast, “monkey,” &c., was capsized. One man was so severely hurt that he died a few minutes afterwards. His head had got between one of the large blocks of granite that ballast the truck and one of the iron stays, and the one crush must have been sufficient to deprive him of life. On the spot where he was killed there was left quite a large pool of blood which overflowed into the harbour. Another man had his hand pretty severely injured, but is not dangerously hurt. Two or more jumped or were thrown into the water and were got out without any serious injury. It was said at first that one man was buried beneath the block of granite which fell in the water, but this is not so. All the men have been accounted for. The dead man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital dead-house and the others were attended to. An inquest will be held to-morrow, and in view of that fact we refrain from judging harshly or prematurely any one on whose shoulders blame may seem at first sight to rest.

#### FOUR CHILDREN SUFOCATED.

##### INQUEST.

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon before the Coroner, C. V. Creagh, Esq.; and the following gentlemen as a jury; viz, Messrs E. Georg, J. P. Lembeck, and M. C. J. Grote, on the bodies of four Chinese children, named Mak Kum Man, Mak Loong Kow, Cheung Akow and Lee Yew Sing.

Mok Ake, master of a chandler's shop at Tai Kok Tsui and residing with his family at Tsing Sau Lane, East Queen's Road, West, stated that on the 17th instant, he was in the house, about noon, and saw a great deal of smoke coming up from the cook-house. The ground floor had been vacant for about two months; several families live on the first floor. On looking down the smoke-hole he perceived that the smoke came from a large fire on the ground floor. He went down to the street and saw the street door locked with a padlock on the outside as usual. He told the watchman what he had seen and asked who was in the lower floor. The watchman took him to a neighbouring house, where he found Pang Atung, a shopkeeper, who opened the door of the house. On going inside he saw a large fire on the floor near the cook-room. He saw four large jars, two on the fire and two standing near the fire, with a pipe connecting those on the fire with the others. The jars on the fire contained quicksilver; all four jars were closed with stoppers. He went back to the father of the child and told him the child was lost. In his statement before the Magistrate, which would be put in by the prisoner said he did it to get the father to give him some money. The child was recovered by means of the woman who recognised it when the prisoner offered it for sale. The case was a particularly heartless one, the prisoner having been housed and fed for some time by the father whom he sought to deprive of his child.

The same evidence as was heard in the Police Court and reported in our columns at the time was now adduced, and the prisoner's statement put in. In his so-called defence, made at the Police Court, the defendant had said that he did not steal the child to sell; he only took it away so as to make the father give him some money to buy food.

His Lordship in summing up said it was quite probable that the distant relative or clansman referred to as the uncle was the prime mover in the matter. He saw it in this Court over and over again, that it was the poor relatives or han-ers-on of the family who devolved the parents of their child, in this way showing their gratitude for the hospitality which to their credit, the Chinese are so ready to show to their relatives or clansmen when they were in destitute circumstances. His Lordship also told the Jury that if the father had told that woman to sell the child and she did so, it was equally an offence, not only against the law of England, but against the very words of this section under which she was charged. The Law of England recognises no right on the part of any father to sell or to authorise the sale of his child. The sale must have been against the will of the child, even had she not told them in the box that she did not want to be sold, because at the age of 11 a child was not capable of giving consent. The woman was guilty on her own confession of detaining the child with intent to sell her, and did in fact sell her; the second count, that concerning the deprivation of the father of the custody of the child, he would not trouble the Jury to consider.

The Jury, without leaving the box, found the prisoner guilty on the first count, and His Lordship said he would in this case also reserve sentence.

The Court adjourned at this point (3.10 p.m.) until 3.15.

##### DETAINING A YOUNG GIRL.

Chan Achit was charged with unlawfully detaining a female child under the age of 14 years with intent to sell her; and (2) unlawfully detaining the same child with intent to deprive the father of the child of his lawful possession. There had been originally two accused in this case, but the other, one Young Aam, died the other day of heart disease, as was noted in our local columns at the time. Both the charges against the second prisoner were, therefore, struck out.

The Acting Attorney General, in opening the case, said the charges were precisely the same as the first and second in the last case. The evidence on the second count was, as the jury would find, very satisfactory, and the evidence as to his intent to sell was very strong as he would prove that she did really sell the child. The girl herself was able to be examined as a witness. She had been taken away from the house of her father and mother by the uncle of the mother of the child, and was by him taken to the house of the prisoner, and either sold to her for a sum of money, or an arrangement made by which she was to be the means of transferring the child to the woman who was now dead; it was not quite clear which. The child was sold to that woman for \$60, and a bill of sale such as it was usual for these people to pass on such occasions was drawn up. The jury would find some discrepancies between the evidence of the father and that of the mother of the child, but the girl's evidence itself was quite conclusive against the prisoner at the bar.

The little girl, Acheung, out of whose care and purchase this prosecution has arisen, described the woman who was in the witness box as “a buyer and seller of people,” and in reply to the Court enquired that she used this term because she had seen this same woman hawking about for children for sale.

His Lordship: How often?

Witness: Several times.

His Lordship: You are a very young girl. How do you come to know anything of this buying and selling of people?

Witness: I have seen it.

His Lordship: How many times have you seen people hawking children and others about for sale?

The whole of the children were in good health previous to the 17th.

Inspector Thomson, stated:—I have made enquiry regarding the preparation of mercury for the backs of looking glasses, and believe from these enquiries that the trade is not carried on in this Colony. The quicksilver is prepared in Canton and is put on the glass here, which is a simple process.

The inquest was adjourned till 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Magistracy, to enable Dr Marques to make an analysis of the contents of the deceased children's stomachs.

#### SUPREME COURT.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale.)

Monday, Oct. 20.

##### KIDNAPPING A BOY.

Tang Atung was charged on the following three counts: (1) unlawfully taking away a boy under the age of 14 years with intent to deprive the father of the boy of his possession; (2) unlawfully taking away the same boy with intent to sell him; (3) unlawfully taking away the same boy with intent to procure a ransom for his liberation.

He pleaded not guilty, and the following was then empanelled to hear the case:—Messrs J. V. de Jesus, L. F. Barretto, W. B. Spratt, K. M. Ross, J. Keating, W. Dunnuck and J. Sier.

The Acting Attorney General, (Hon. J. Russell) prosecuted and opened the case to the Jury. After explaining the various charges as given above he said the defendant had been staying with the father of the child, and had, being out of work, been for some time supported by him. The father of the child, on the morning of the 22nd September, went to his work, leaving the defendant in charge of this and other children. The mother of the children was dead and the father had to leave them in some one's care every day when he went to work. The prisoner in the course of the day took this child out and went to a house where there were some women, and apparently offered it for sale; for one of the women who had seen the child before with its father when he was begging, to whom he had occasionally resort, to resort, and the prisoner therewith made off. He went back to the father of the child and told him the child was lost. In his statement before the Magistrate, which would be put in by the prisoner said he did it to get the father to give him some money. The child was recovered by means of the woman who recognised it when the prisoner offered it for sale. The case was a particularly heartless one, the prisoner having been housed and fed for some time by the father whom he sought to deprive of his child.

The prisoner said:—The uncle of the child brought her to me and told me to go to a salt-water girl (boat woman) and ask her if she wanted to adopt child as a daughter. The woman agreed to take the child and pay \$60. I left the child. Next morning the boatwoman came to my house and said the father of the child had been to her house with another person to demand the child; what was to be done. So I took the child to the street; she was crying. As we were turning the corner of the street the mother came up, accompanied by two uncles. One of these uncles was the father of the child (sic).

The elder of the uncles knocked me in the side. They took the child away by force. I went and told the boatwoman that they had taken away the child.

She said,—"Never mind. I don't want the child. I don't want the money."

I had got the money from the sister-in-law of the boatwoman, \$60, and paid it over to the father of the child on the evening of the 16th September in his own house. I paid him all the \$60. He promised to give me \$2, but did not do so. The uncle told me to run away after this. That same night I went with the boatwoman to the Police Station.

His Lordship in summing up said it was quite probable that the distant relative or clansman referred to as the uncle was the prime mover in the matter. He saw it in this Court over and over again, that it was the poor relatives or han-ers-on of the family who devolved the parents of their child, in this way showing their gratitude for the hospitality which to their credit, the Chinese are so ready to show to their relatives or clansmen when they were in destitute circumstances. His Lordship also told the Jury that if the father had told that woman to sell the child and she did so, it was equally an offence, not only against the law of England, but against the very words of this section under which she was charged.

His Lordship said he did not wish to sentence this prisoner now. This was an occasion on which he must be exceedingly thoughtful as to what sentence he should pass and as to what remarks he made with regard to this case. It was very curious, but so it was, and in this Colony it had been remarkably so, that there seemed to be regular tides of crime. In this Colony there had always been tides of crime. There was at one time a tide of burglaries; then a tide of ring snatching from women's ears with violence; then a tide of attacks for purposes of robbery with great violence such as created a great noise when he (the Chief Justice) was absent from the Colony; then there was a tide of murders; and now this tide was sweeping over this Colony, of child-stealing and connected offences, a tide which he hoped to be able to stem. It was his business to consider how the Court could so deal with this class of offences as to sweep them out of the Colony. Sentence reserved.

The Court adjourned at this point (3.10 p.m.) until 3.15.

On resuming, the following case was called:

##### HIGHWAY ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Tee Cheung was charged with highway robbery with violence, being armed.

5. Chan Ashing; robbery with violence.

6. Leung Ayau; entering a dwelling house at night with intent to commit a felony and committing a felony therein.

7. Tang Alum; breaking and entering a dwelling house and committing a felony therein.

The prisoner was then discharged.

Witness: Often, and different men and women too.

His Lordship: And this is a British Colony!

Witness, later on, in reply to His Lordship, said she had learned the expression “brother of mankind” from her uncle. She knew the police here and that they protected all persons; but she did not call in any help from that quarter, when she saw them on the street, as her uncle taught her not to.

His Lordship said he had thought at first that the expression “brother of mankind” was an uncommon one in Hongkong, but now he was coming to believe it is true.

Referring to the girl now contradicting some parts of her evidence in the Police-Court, which she had given falsely as her uncle told her to do so.

The Acting Attorney General said he knew from a pretty extensive experience that these children were taught to repeat all sorts of tales and did repeat the most wonderful tales sometimes without a word of truth in them. Even girls of 16 or 17 years of age, going to Singapore, who were subjected to the strictest examination, gave statements of this kind, and when they were asked,—“Why do you, a grown-up girl, make such a statement as this when you know it is not true?” they simply said,—“I was taught to say so.”

His Lordship quite concurred; it had grown out of the Chinese system in these matters.

The only other witnesses were the father and mother of the child, (the former a fortune-teller and letter-writer); Inspector Thomson, who proved the death of the other woman originally charged in the same case; and the Interpreter, who gave the conversation when the prisoner was first charged.

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Hongkong, September 27, 1879. oc22



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## Intimations.

## CONSULAT DE FRANCE.

LE Gouvernement de la Cochinchine mettra en adjudication le 3 Novembre prochain un SERVICE MENSUEL et DIRECT PAR BATEAU à VAPEUR entre Saigon, le Tonquin, et Poulo-Condor. Le cahier des charges peut être consulté à la Chancellerie du Consulat de France. Hongkong, le 9 Octobre, 1879.

Le Chancelier p.i., J. LE GLAY.

## FRENCH CONSULATE.

THE Government of Cochin-China invite TENDERS for a DIRECT MONTHLY SERVICE by STEAMER between Saigon, Tonquin, and Poulo-Condor; Tenders to be opened on the 3rd November next.

Full Particulars may be seen at the French Consulate.

J. LE GLAY,  
Acting Chancelier.

Hongkong, October 9, 1879. oc26

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878 AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the YEAR ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
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Hongkong, July 24, 1879. oc31

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIRST MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 16th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,  
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Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

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## NOTICE.

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Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

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By Order,  
RUSSELL & CO.,  
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Shanghai, October 1, 1879. no6

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J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
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Hongkong, December 9, 1879.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1879.

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